



ST. JOHN'S WAY



MARCH

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NEW VESTRY

LEFT TO RIGHT: Michael Lacy, Sandra Bouchelion, Kristen Wolfe Slattery, Erica Kallop, Sarah Odderstol (*Pastor*), Karen Herbert (*Junior Warden*), Peter Ulrich
NOT SHOWN IN PHOTO: Sandra Rivera, Betsy Winters (*Senior Warden*)

THE ST. JOHN'S PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for St. John's, Broad Creek. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, restore the penitent, draw the seekers, and increase our numbers. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your Holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

VISION STATEMENT

St. John's will continue to grow as a positive source of comfort and love in the lives of our diverse parish family. The surrounding community will come to know us as a welcoming inclusive shelter in a world of uncertainty, and a source of help in crisis.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. John's Church is an inclusive community of faithful believers and earnest seekers, where worship is the foundation of our common life, and where the Holy Spirit moves us to gather and thrive as a loving extended family while reaching out to serve our neighbors with the Good News of God's Love.





FROM THE PULPIT



The Episcopal Diocese of Washington Strategic Plan (page 3) has three main objectives or goals:

- Revitalize our churches to grow the Jesus Movement.
- Inspire every person to grow in faith and equip our leaders to lead well.
- Partner in ministries of service and justice for greater impact in our communities.

As a means to achieving these goals, representatives from around EDOW (I am one of these lucky people), members of the Diocesan Staff, and consultants from the Unstuck Group are working together to articulate "Vitality Metrics." These are quantifiable measures of a parish's health and vitality. One of these metrics, that Bishop Mariann talked about at the recent Diocesan Convention, is: *the number of first time visitors to your congregation should be equal to or greater than the average Sunday attendance (ASA) of your congregation.* You have to have people coming through your doors in order to grow!

The folks who research things like church growth tell us that a personal invitation is the most effective means of generating first time visitors to a congregation. The average Episcopalian invites 0.5 people to church in their lifetime. (This does not bode well for the future of our denomination!) If you ask "the average Episcopalian" why they do not invite more people to worship with them, you learn that most of us are not comfortable talking about our faith and why church is important to us.

Our Lenten Study and Discipline this year is called Signs of Life: Why Church Matters. The study and the daily

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The Rev. Sarah Dadds Oldervot

calendar are designed to get us thinking and talking about why church matters. The weekly lessons invite us into conversations about aspects of church life that are life giving. The hope is that we will gain language to talk about why church is important – why someone should visit St. John's Broad Creek.

The Study Guide and video reflections for Signs of Life are all available online at www.signsoflife.org! If you cannot join us for Wednesday Soup Suppers, you have access to the same materials we are using on Wednesdays (page 4). Our friend The Rev. Becky Zartman is one of the creators of this fabulous resource! Talk to Kathy Mierke (301.292.3624) to contribute soup or bread for dinner. Please consider being a part of this Lenten Discipline!

Why do you come to church? Why is St. John's Broad Creek important to you? The future of our church depends on your answer to these questions!





DIOCESAN STRATEGIC PLAN

Our Mission

To draw people to Jesus and embody his love for the world by equipping faith communities, promoting spiritual growth, and striving for justice.

Vision 2025

To be a Diocese that draws on the gifts of all God's people to serve Christ together and live Jesus' Way of Love.

Revitalize our churches to grow the Jesus Movement

- 🌈 We will implement a church revitalization strategy that leads to healthy, thriving congregations throughout the diocese, reversing the trends of decline
- 🌈 Our leadership and congregations will reflect the demographics of our surrounding communities
- 🌈 We will develop a stewardship strategy for our facilities and finances so that parishes are not constrained by building concerns
- 🌈 We will launch or relaunch three worshipping communities focused on rising generations so that we become a spiritual home for our children and grandchildren

Inspire every person to grow in faith & equip our leaders to lead well

- 🌈 We will establish a school for Christian leadership for clergy and laity
- 🌈 We will develop and implement a collaborative strategy for spiritual growth and discipleship
- 🌈 We will strive for a 10% increase in baptisms, confirmations, and receptions across the diocese year over year

Partner in ministries of service & justice for greater impact in our communities

- 🌈 We will strengthen our collective witness in service and justice through partnerships and shared resources to meet the needs of our regions
- 🌈 We will promote Creation Care practices in all our faith communities
- 🌈 We will engage issues such as racial justice, gun violence prevention, LGBTQ equal rights, and immigration reform through on-going trainings, workshops, pilgrimages, and public witness

FIRST 12 MONTH PRIORITIES

Measurable Objectives

Church Revitalization

We will provide church health assessments and revitalization strategies; introduce to ten representative congregations

Spiritual Formation

We will establish a school for Christian leadership

Justice

We will work with each region to identify a primary ministry of justice on which to collaborate for greater social impact

It became the custom of the Church to prepare for the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection with a season of penitence. We are invited to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. This calendar invites you to connect scripture, liturgy, and practice through the signs of light, water, food, shelter, and community to follow the Way of Love.

LENT 2020 DAILY PRACTICES

THE WAY OF LOVE	Worship: Gather in Community to thank, praise, and dwell with God.	Pray: Dwell Intentionally with God each day.	Learn: Reflect on Scripture each day, especially on Jesus' life and teachings.	Turn: Turn, listen and choose to follow Jesus.	Bless: Share faith and unselfishly give and serve.	Go: Cross boundaries, listen deeply and live like Jesus.	Rest: Receive the gift of God's grace, peace and restoration.
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LIGHT Where is the light in your life?	March 1 Worship in community today. Watch "Signs of Life: Light" video.	2 Read The Third Song of Isaiah (BCP 87). Sit silently. Invite God to speak through this reading.	3 Jesus says, "I am the light of the world." Where is the light in your life?	4 Turn off all screens tonight. Watch darkness fall and be present to it.	5 Smile at or greet everyone you see today.	6 Tell the truth today.	7 Light a candle. Dwell in the presence of God.
WATER What keeps you afloat?	8 Worship in community today. Watch "Signs of Life: Water" video.	9 Read Proper 15 (BCP 232). Sit silently. Invite God to speak through this reading.	10 Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life." What in your life needs to be entrusted to Jesus?	11 Confess sins to God. Receive the grace of Jesus and begin again.	12 Who do you know who is weathering a storm? How can you be a life-raft for them today?	13 Ask God to help you forgive those who have hurt you.	14 Be present to the sensation of flowing water. Give thanks for your baptism.
FOOD For what do you hunger?	15 Worship in community today. Watch "Signs of Life: Food" video.	16 Read The Song of Mary (BCP 119). Sit silently. Invite God to speak through this reading.	17 Jesus says, "I am the bread of life." For what do you hunger?	18 Fast today. Pay attention to the ways in which you are hungry.	19 Share your blessings. Buy a meal for a hungry person or make a donation to a food bank.	20 Eat a meal with someone you may not know or normally eat with.	21 Take time to linger over a meal. Savor the flavors and the slower pace.
SHELTER Where do you feel most at home?	22 Worship in community today. Watch "Signs of Life: Shelter" video.	23 Read Psalm 31 (BCP 129). Sit silently. Invite God to speak through this reading.	24 Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd." How has God kept you safe?	25 Journal about a time when you wandered from God.	26 Be a safe place for others today. Lend a listening ear.	27 Drive or walk through a neighborhood not your own. Pray for all who live there.	28 What is something you can give yourself permission to step away from today and rest?
COMMUNITY Who is your community?	29 Worship in community today. Watch "Signs of Life: Community" video.	30 Read the Prayer attributed to St. Francis (BCP 833). Sit silently. Invite God to speak through this reading.	31 Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches." Who is your community?	April 1 Invite silence into all your interactions today.	2 Call a friend just to catch up.	3 Contact a local elected representative. Talk to them about a vulnerable group in your community.	4 Have fun with friends today. Be joyful.

Now it's time to participate in the sacred rites and rituals of Holy Week. Look for Signs of Life as you walk the way of the cross and resurrection with your local community and with SSJE.org.



MEN'S MINISTRY

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

March 1

8 a.m. Karen Herbert
Dottie Foggie
10:30 a.m. Karen Chapman
Ursula Neely

March 8

10a a.m. Bishop's Visit

March 15

8 a.m. Diann Puzon
Carolyn Jones
10:30 a.m. Denean & Peter Persell

March 22

8 a.m. Josephine Sawyer
Sandra Bouchellion
10:30 a.m. Marge Stevens
Carol Thomas

March 29

8 a.m. Jean Gunter
DeHaven Colston
10:30 a.m. Kristen Wolfe
John Slattery

April 5 Palm Sunday

8 a.m. Marie & Robbie Pratt
10:30 a.m. Sandra & Roberto Rivera

April 12 Easter

8 & 10:30 a.m. Kathy Mierke
Faith Chisholm

Thank you for the enthusiastic response to our request for volunteers. The April Newsletter will list volunteers for the next quarter: April, May, and June. Sign up early for your preferred date. Contact Carol Thomas to volunteer or to ask questions. 301.802.0165 jthomas498@verizon.net.

An Open letter to the Men of St. John's Church, Broad Creek

Gentlemen,

This is an invitation to the men of St. John's to gather together and join to move St. John's and the community forward with the objective to improve the conditions and opportunities at St. John's and in the community. Approaches that can be used to address these are through joining the Men's Ministry at St. John's or through ad hoc groups and as individuals in the pursuit of objectives and projects important to our community.

By joining the Men's Ministry we believe we can bring together the talents and energy to address some of the needed activities. The Men's Ministry is inviting all men, and in particular, young men in the church to join us. There are a fair number of situations in our community that exist that either are not being properly addressed or not being addressed at all. We believe that if we can join together we can effectively address these situations; among them are:

- Help build the congregation membership
- Flooding due to rain water runoff and flood control mitigation
- A significantly degraded physical infrastructure of the St. John's property
- Dumping by businesses, local residence and those outside the local area
- Minor repairs and maintenance of the physical plant and property

The Men's Ministry has the potential to be a voice at the table to address a number of issues vital to St. John's and the surrounding community; the women of St. John's, to their credit, have taken the lead in addressing problems and projects essential in keeping St. John's moving. We need to support the woman and in some cases take the lead to move St. John's forward.

We, the men of St. John's, need to join together and step up to move St. John's forward so that we can maintain and grow as a church and community.

Please contact a member of the Men's Ministry: Clarence Gunther, Ike Puzon, Charles Day, or Jim Thomas for more information.

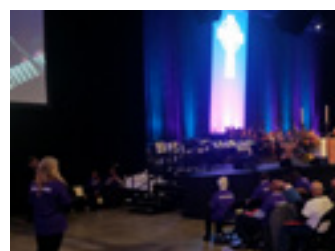
HELP NEEDED FOR BISHOP'S VISIT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8

The ladies managing the reception for the Bishop's Visit would like those that are helping to set up the tables and chairs in Bayne Hall to be available March 6 & 7 (Friday & Saturday) at 10:30 a.m. each day in Bayne Hall.

Additional help will be needed preparing for the Bishop's visit such as cleaning and trash removal both inside and out.

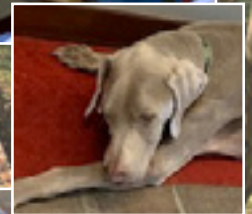
FOR YOUR NOURISHMENT: Involvement With Your Greater Church Community

125th EDOW Convention & The Bishop's Revival





Fun at St. John's



IT'S A BEAUTIFUL WORLD!

GREETINGS!
A New year - A New Topic.

Every month, **ONE** page will be dedicated to the travel photos you want to share.

Email only **high resolution photos (jpgs)** to bsbrevard@yahoo.com by the deadline date for the newsletter. Don't send paper copies or flash drives. Only the name(s) of who provided the photos and the name of the destination will be listed. **NOT** listed will be captions, specific titles, addresses, and narratives.

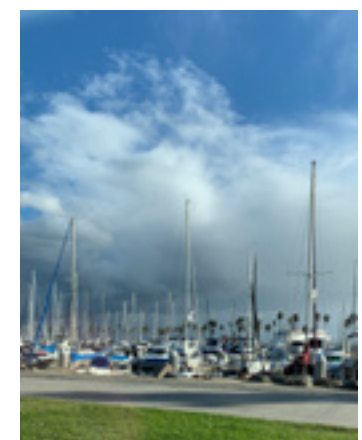
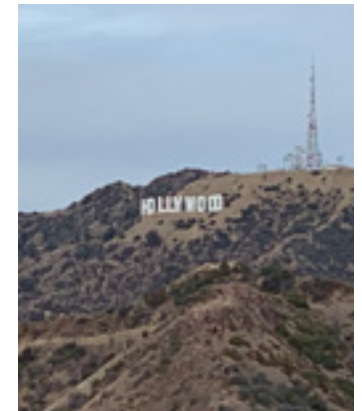
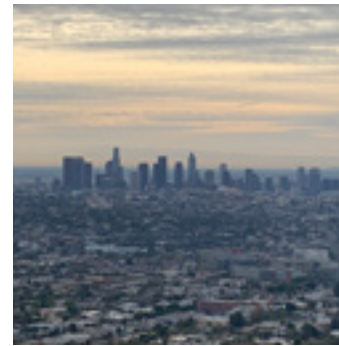
Enjoy this month's destination on the next page: Around Los Angeles, CA



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Enjoy a different destination every month: **Around Los Angeles, CA**

Los Angeles (LA.), is the most populous city in California; the 2nd most populous city in the U.S., after New York City; and the 3rd-most populous city in North America, after Mexico City and New York City. With an estimated population of four million people, Los Angeles is the cultural, financial, and commercial center of Southern California. The city is known for its Mediterranean climate, ethnic diversity, Hollywood, the entertainment industry, and its sprawling metropolis.



PHOTOS & INFO: Birgitt S. Brevard



A St. John's 50-Year Anniversary

Peter Ulrich

At the St. John's Annual Meeting on February 2, I told a story about attending my first annual meeting in January 1970. For those of you who missed it, I repeat it here.

Our daughter, Diana, had been born in July of 1969 and that fall my brother, who was an assistant priest at St. John's Episcopal Church, Yonkers, NY, called and said he was coming to town after Christmas and "ordered" me to find a church nearby where he could baptize our new daughter. So, I found St. John's on a map and paid a visit. It was a cold November day, as I recall, and the Rector, Charles Gill, had a cheery fire in the Addison Room fireplace. We sat and chatted for a while and he agreed to allow my brother to perform the rite but asked me to "give St. John's a try"; i.e., he wanted Jeanne and me to attend some services and not just disappear after the baptism ceremony, never to return. I agreed.

So, Jeanne and I and our two kids gathered in Bayne Hall on Saturday, December 27, 1969 with a few friends, Jeanne's parents (who lived in Arlington), and Diana's Godparents. We could not use the old church building since it was in the middle of a renovation and the sagging wood floor had been removed to be replaced eventually by a concrete and brick floor.

The following Sunday, we honored our promise to start attending St. John's and soon found ourselves at the 1970 Annual Meeting. As I recall, the room was quite full and there was a competitive election of new vestry members to fill three

all) gave a short summary of his past involvement in church affairs and a statement of his special interests in serving on vestry. There were so many candidates that it took a few ballots to narrow down the field of candidates to the three who would serve.



However, the most interesting thing about this meeting, and the reason I felt impelled to speak up a few weeks ago on the 50th anniversary of our joining the church, was a report of the vestry on a policy change they were putting forth to the congregation for a vote. It was read to us by Norman Kraft, Senior Warden, (and, by the way, Diann Puzon's father-in-law at the time). The proposal was to append a single sentence to the bottom of the rental application that organizations had to fill out and sign before being approved to use the hall. The statement read something like this: *"The applicant affirms that the organization applying to use the hall does not discriminate in its membership on the basis of race, religion or national origin"*. This was put to a vote and carried unanimously. At that moment, I looked over at Jeanne, and she looked over at me, and she said *"I think I'm going to like it here."* And I said, *"Yup, I think we have found a home"*.

vacancies. There were more candidates than open slots, so each candidate (they were all white men...this was 1970, after

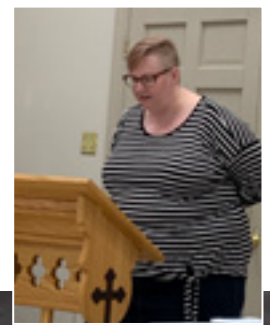
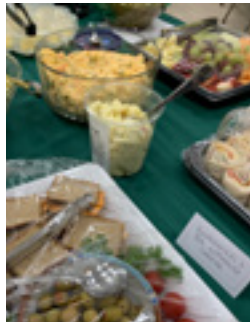
Shortly thereafter, Sandy and Tobe Bouchelion began attending regularly and, as they say, the rest is history.



THANKS

THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING IN PICTURES

Informative - fulfilling - inspirational - motivational - productive





REPORTS



We are still looking for volunteers to sign up for **COFFEE HOUR**

following the 8 and 10:30 a.m. services. We are looking for teams of two people for each service who will commit to one

coffee hour for each quarter in 2020. This means each team will be responsible for up to four coffee hours in the year. If we get enough response, the number of coffee hours per team will be reduced. For hosts' planning purposes, a schedule will be prepared at the start of each quarter. The first schedule will cover February and March.

Responsibilities are simple: Set up coffee and juice, provide simple snacks, and clean up. Training will be available.

To volunteer, or for more information, please contact **Carol Thomas** by phone at **301.802.0165** or email at **jthomas498@verizon.net**. You can sign up with a partner or alone. Include your preference for 8 or 10:30 a.m. This is a gender-neutral activity! **Everyone is welcome.**



THE ST. JOHN'S BROAD CREEK EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are here for you

VESTRY

ST. JOHN'S VESTRY MEMBERS

Betsy Winters, Senior Warden
Karen Herbert, Junior Warden
Jean Anderson-Jones, Secretary
Sandra Bouchellion
Erica Kallop
Michael Lacy
Sandra Rivera
Kristen Wolfe Slattery
Peter Ulrich

Alan Ritter, Finance Chairman
Peter Persell, Outreach Chairman
Bea James, Treasurer
Carol Thomas & Rudy Brevard, Pledge Clerks

Alan Ritter, "Mr. Finance"



MONEY MATTERS

Your St. John's Finance Committee is made up of volunteers who are responsible of planning, advising, executing, and reporting of financial information and processes benefitting St. John's. We meet on the second Thursday each month. All parish members are invited to any meeting and are encouraged to join us. **Free coffee and snacks at every meeting.** For questions, call ALAN at 301.292.3490.



BARELY SELF-SUSTAINING? BRING FINANCES UP TO PAR?

How? Raise your pledge. **Have an idea for fundraising?** Great - step up - take charge - do it.

FEBRUARY GENERAL FINANCE COMMITTEE TOPICS

1. Nine attendees
2. Janney investment funds up
3. End of January draft financial reports
4. B & G report
5. Review of 2020 budget
6. Review of Rector's salary
7. MMTS Invoice Action required
8. Major tree service in progress

9. Long term maintenance committee (LTC) met

10. Major investments funds:

- Historic Graveyard Fund
- Operations Maintenance Fund

11. Review of draft audit reports 2017 and 2018

12. March's regular Finance Committee meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2020

All are invited!

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

I want to thank all who have brought items in for Coffee Hour. We have a few housekeeping items to take care of:

- Thank the person who is bring in the tea but right now we have enough tea. I hope this was to be used for Coffee Hour.
- Thank all of you for bringing in storage containers, but we have more than enough for right now.
- There are several items that I have no idea what they are for:
 - Goldfish
 - A jar of cookies/crackers on the cart
 - Items on the counter that are not labeled

ITEMS WILL BE THROWN OUT IF THEY ARE BEYOND THEIR EXPIRATION DATE AND/OR HAVE NO LABEL.

If you are cleaning out your own kitchen or moving and would like to donate your material to the St. John's kitchen:

- If it is food, please give it to the food pantry.
- If it is kitchen items, please check with Pam Ritter first. We may already have enough. **As you know, storage space is limited.**



The FOOD PANTRY

has been experiencing a higher volume of clients these recent weeks.

While the Pantry can purchase most

food items from the DC Food Bank, there are some necessary items that are not available.

The St. John's Women's Ministry is collecting the following items: paper towels, toilet paper, toothpaste, tooth brushes, bars of soap, and deodorant.

We are asking the Parish to support this project by generously filling the baskets in the back of the church and in Bayne Hall. **THANK YOU!**

Unfortunately, our kitchen does not come with a maid. So, if you are using the kitchen, you need to put things away. **YOU USE IT - YOU CLEAN IT!** The cabinets and containers for silverware are labeled. If you have any suggestions, contact Pam Ritter.



DO YOU KNOW WHAT W.O.W. DOES?

Maybe you think they are Senior Ladies who go to lunch, plan receptions, coordinate "potluck", and go on day trips - yes, we do.

But, did you know that

- they give to the Bay Support Services (Jessica Puzon's house) and support the residences;
- copy paper for the teachers at Fort Washington Forest Elementary School;
- replace carpeting in the church;
- coordinate the Annual Tea;
- contribute to the new doors coming into Bayne Hall; and much more.

So, we are not just Senior (retired) Ladies going to lunch. **Being a "senior and retired" does not stand for "not working and always available."** W.O.W. was started while we were all working. Our meetings are held during the day; however, we will work with your schedule. **Join us - we promise a good time** (all are welcome - men who attend occasionally always have fun).





IMPORTANT REMINDER

RECYCLE FOR ST. JOHN'S

- **DON'T put your aluminum cans** (soft drink, beer, juice, etc.) in your county recycle bin! Small metal items, including aluminum cans may be dropped off at St. John's. Place items in the recycle bin or outside the kitchen door.
- **DON'T throw away scrap metal** (pipes, gutters, screens, aluminum siding, doors, etc.)!
- **DON'T let contractors take away old material** after having new gutters, siding, etc. installed! Call Kathy Mierke at 301.292.3624 for pick up.
- Usual recycling pick-up is on Mondays and handled by Kathy and Jim.
- **ALL METAL, INCLUDING COPPER, ALUMINUM, BRASS, AND IRON, WILL BE COLLECTED.**
- All recycled material will be sold and all proceeds given to St. John's. Questions? Call Kathy: 301.292.3624.



With the start of 2020, "Selfie Time With Sarah" was replaced by an op ed, called "Let's Be Frank". Every month I will introduce a statement which is my honest opinion on things that happen in the news, stuff that we think about now and then, or something I may have seen. The article will be short. Sometimes you may agree - sometimes you may not. My intent is to provide you with some "food for thought". Nothing too serious. And yes - YOU are invited to "BE FRANK" as well. Submit your statement to me via email at bsbrevard@yahoo.com.

ABOUT VALENTINE'S DAY

I get it! We celebrate Valentine's Day to show each other our appreciation and love. But don't we overdo the commercial side of this day a bit?

And now we have Galentine's Day (celebrated on February 13) - I don't understand - I thought Valentine's Day is for everybody.

It's not enough to tell each other how we feel - no - our feelings are measured in the size of the gifts we give. If you don't buy your Valentine's cards at the dollar store or make them yourself - you can easily spend \$6 for one card. That's crazy! That's food for a person in need.

But it's not just the cards - flowers, chocolates, dinners, movies, fruits, jewelry, desserts - where does it end? Have you ever thought how much money you would have in your hand - counting what was spent for cards, flowers, and chocolates...

We could do this: On Valentine's Day we go and show our love by helping out in a soup kitchen; help clean an elderly person's home; hand out toiletries in a women's shelter; cuddle a puppy that is waiting to be adopted; clear the side of the road from trash; pay it forward when standing in line at a cash register; make a donation to a worthy cause; and soooooo much more.

But don't think you can ignore this day. People are watching ... how much, how expensive, how creative. It's best to show each other love on a jumbo tron in front of the world. That way you can be sure everyone knows you love your honey. Well, except for those who didn't watch that day.

NOTE: Please don't misunderstand - I am not being a scrooge - I love gifts - I am just thinking we can be a little more mindful instead of wasteful. What do you think?



HEAVENLY FATHER, GIVER OF LIFE AND HEALTH: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who Minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever: Amen.

Pray for Archbishop of Canterbury: Justin; Presiding Bishop: Michael; Bishop of Washington: Mariann; Rector: Sarah

Pray for the President, the Armed Forces of the United States and our Allies, and for the people and emergent leaders of Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, Libya, and all the countries in the world that are in turmoil, as well as for our enemies and those who wish us ill. Pray for our Parish, especially our Staff, our Vestry and its Officers, and our Ministries and Committees.

The following names will be prayed for aloud during the Sunday Service, and during the week in our daily prayers. They will remain on the prayer list until February 29, 2020. If you want them on the long term list, please call the church office.

Pray for Birgitt, Irvin, Paul, Dustin, Faith, Marge, Joe, Sam, Margaret, Carl, Diane, Autumn, Elizabeth, Lynn, Geneva, Catherine, Jim, Joan, Larry, and Irene.

The following names are to be prayed for during the week in our daily prayers. They will remain on the prayer list until March 31, 2020. If you want them to remain on the list, please call the church office.

Pray for Connie Duncan, the Gholson Family, Charles Gunter, Thomas & Gordon James, the Mierke Family, Lana Neil, and Mitch Otera.

THIS IS US

St. John's family members share their stories, accomplishments, trials, and tribulations



- 1. Feed the hungry**
Work at the Fort Washington Food Pantry for an hour a week or an hour a month.
- 2. Teach the children**
Tutor a child with Homework Helpers on Tuesdays;
Give school supplies for Church World Service School Kits.
- 3. Protect the vulnerable**
Make a financial donation to PGC Family Crisis Center.
- 4. Help mothers, girls, and their children**
Make a financial contribution to the United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church Women.
- 5. Support victims of natural disasters**
Give to Episcopal Relief and Development and Church World Service.
- 6. Treat refugees and immigrants as you would treat other Americans**
Engage with refugees and immigrants; discuss among ourselves how to do this best.
- 7. Be polite, smiling and kind to everyone you encounter**
- 8. Call, write, text, email and meet with elected officials** to let them know that you expect the to feed the hungry, teach the children, protect the vulnerable, help women, girls and children and respond compassionately and effectively to natural disasters.
- 9. You have many other great ideas. Share them!**

YOU ARE NEEDED!

Pastor Sarah, your vestry and those involved in these activities, are ready to provide practical advice on how you can get involved to help out.

PRAYER CORNER





UPCOMING EVENTS

Jean Anderson-Jones

Dates and times are subject to change, please check with the office at 301.248.4290 or online at www.stjohnsbroadcreek.org for changes/updates.

SALE! 2020 CALENDARS

Caleendars are \$10 each.
Please see Sandra Bouchelion.

SALE! PERSONALIZED BRICKS

Please see Karen Chapman for details.

SALE! ST. JOHN'S SHIRTS FOR \$20 EACH

Call Karen Herbert at 301.440.4294.

BIBLE STUDY*

10:15 a.m. after Wednesday Worship
(7 p.m. in the Rectory - NOT from March 4 to April 1 - see **)

FOOD PANTRY

Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

WORSHIP

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
Eucharist followed by Bible Study*
Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

YOGA \$10 PER SESSION

Mondays at 7 p.m.

BROAD CREEK CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Contact Stephanie Ratty: 301.248.6665.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Every Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

HOMEWORK HELPERS

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

GUTTS & BUTTS CLASSES

Group fitness class to be held in Bayne Hall.
Tuesdays: 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. or Sundays: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Cost Per Person: \$10
RSVP at thewellologist@candicecamille.com or 301.752.8737

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. It is celebrated during March in the US, the UK, and Australia, corresponding with International Women's Day on March 8, and during October in Canada, corresponding with the celebration of Persons Day on October 18.

IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Irish-American Heritage Month is celebrated by proclamation of the President and Congress in the United States to honor the achievements and contributions of Irish immigrants and their descendants living in the United States. It was first celebrated in 1991.

MARCH IS ALSO DESIGNATED FOR:

- Deaf History Month
- National Craft Month
- Optimism Month
- Honor Society Awareness Month
- National Foreign Language Month
- National Ethics Month
- Expanding Girls' Horizons in Science & Engineering Month
- Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month
- National Cheerleader Safety Month
- National Kidney Month
- National Nutrition Month
- National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
- Save Your Vision & Workplace Eye Wellness Month
- Trisomy Awareness Month
- Problem Gambling Awareness Month

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & STUDY

**Wednesday evenings, March 4 - April 1 at 6 p.m.
We are looking for a dinner coordinator. Please sign up to bring soup and/or bread.

QUIET DAY MEDITATION

Saturday, March 7; 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
St. Paul's Church
K Street, NW, Washington DC
The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade will offer a Quiet Day meditation on "Exploring the Minds of Judas, Caiaphas, and Pilate."
COST: Free and open to public
(Bring your own bag lunch.)
SPONSOR: EDOW Diocesan Retreat Committee
INFORMATION: edowsilentretreat@gmail.com

HOLY ENVY: AN INTERFAITH EXPLORATION

Saturday, March 7; 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
St. Alban's Church
3001 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington DC
Barbara Brown Taylor will speak with us about teaching and learning about world religions at a rural Southern college and how it deepened her faith.



MARCH

Sally Anderson, Birgitt Brevard, Carol Canteen
Freddie Colston, Orville Downer
Clarence Gunter, Jean Gunter
Geneva Golson, Paul Hall
Ikechuwu Nwughala, Kristen Slattery

EVENT FACILITATOR: The Rev. Dr. Carol Flett

COST: Free

REGISTRATION AT: <https://tinyurl.com/udjay23>

THE BISHOP IS COMING

Sunday, March 8 at 10 a.m. (only one service)
Potluck to follow service.
All are encouraged to support the event.

Assisting Bishop Chilton Knudson will be visiting St. John's. If you are interested in being Confirmed or Received in the Episcopal Church or in Reaffirming your Confirmation Vows, please talk to Pastor Sarah or email her at pastorsarah@stjohnsbroadcreek.org by February 7 so that your preparation can be completed prior to March 8. Confirmation and Reception are the Liturgical Rites in which one becomes an "official/on-the-books" member of the Episcopal Church. In the Episcopal Church, official membership is blessed by bishops, so confirmation and reception happen only when the bishop is present.

FINANCE MEETINGS

Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Tuesday, March 17
Saint Patrick's Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick (Irish: Lá Fhéile Pádraig, "the Day of the Festival of Patrick"), is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. AD 385–461), the foremost patron saint of Ireland.

VESTRY MEETING

Thursday, March 19 at 6 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP GARDEN

Our stewardship garden is in need of pollinators. Thank you to all who planted seeds for growth and vitality by pledging to support St. John's financially in 2020. Erica Kallop created a beautiful poster for the Parish Hall as a visual representation of how you can extend your support of St. John's. The flowers represent items/areas of need at St. John's. You can indicate your intention to underwrite that need/ministry by placing a butterfly on a flower.



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to submit information to be considered for inclusion in the "St. John's Way" newsletter, email your information DIRECTLY to bsbrevard@yahoo.com at least one week in advance* of the newsletter's distribution date (which is usually on the first day of the next month). Inclusion in the newsletter is NOT guaranteed.

* Deadlines for submissions can also be found on the last page of the newsletter

ABOUT YOUR SUBMISSION(S)

- Articles which are selected for publication will be proof read for content, spelling, and grammatical errors.
- Articles should be submitted in Word format and discuss subjects relevant to the St. John's community.
- Articles should include section headings.
- Illustrations, tables, sidebars are encouraged to illustrate and emphasize the message.

STRUCTURE OF YOUR ARTICLE(S)

- News items and announcements
- Short, topical, news oriented

Major Articles

- In depth discussions of topics of interest

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE SUBMISSIONS

Information to be considered for inclusion on the website is very limited and will undergo strict review!

Email your information DIRECTLY to bsbrevard@yahoo.com at least two weeks in advance of possible placement. Please remember, submitting your article does not guarantee placement on the website.

A PLACE IN TIME CONTINUED...

With St. John's "A Place in Time" Brick Project, we are looking forward to adding your personalized brick "in memory of", "in thanksgiving for", you or your family member's baptism, an anniversary or a message of encouragement.


St. John's bricks are \$50 each for a 4x8 brick. You may purchase as many as you wish. Engraving is included. If you wish to add a symbol to your brick, please add \$10 to your order. Symbols can be email upon request or seen in the binder in the back of the church.

Yes, I would like to reserve a permanent brick(s). Please engrave my brick as follows:

Note: A PERIOD, COMMA, COLON, DASH, etc. IS CONSIDERED ONE SPACE

ALL TEXT IS CENTERED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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(please write in what symbol you would like.)

***** A symbol takes up one (1) line leaving you three (3) lines for your text *****

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO:

St. John's Church (MEMO: Brick Project) - 9801 Livingston Road – Fort Washington, MD 20744

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address:

Amount Paid: Total # of Bricks: Check #: If Cash check here ☐

If you have any questions, call Karen Chapman at (240) 515-0707 or Church Office at (301) 248-4290

You may email your form to kcconnects01@gmail.com



LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

The deadline for the APRIL 2020 issue of
"St. John's Way" is Friday, March 26.

Submissions can be left in the newsletter box in the church office; either as hard copy, on CD, or on a flash drive. You may also mail or email your submission.

The preferred way to receive your submissions is as a Microsoft Word document, via email. More info on "Upcoming Events" page.

Please email your letters, ideas, articles, comments, information, questions to bsbrevard@yahoo.com.

NOTE: Dates, times, locations mentioned in this newsletter are subject to change. All information has been edited to the best of our abilities. Be kind and understanding. PEACE!

REMEMBER the March 26 deadline.

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